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FOREIGN MINISTER CHAROONPHAN ISSARANGUN NA AYUTTHAYA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 6. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS ON THAI AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

REPORTER: WILL YOU SEND A NEW AMBASSADOR TO TAIWAN?

CHAROONPHAN: THE MATTER HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN UP FOR CONSIDERATION YET.

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REPORTER: AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ISSUED YESTERDAY PRO-

CLAIMING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MONGOLIA. WITH WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE WE PLANNING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS?

CHAROONPHAN: WE ARE MAKING MOVES TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT PRESENT. DURING THE TIME OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS STATED ITS POLICY TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES THAT ARE FRIENDLY TOWARD THAILAND AND WHICH DO NOT SHOW ENMITY TOWARD US, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THREE COUNTRIES ALREADY--ROMANIA, HUNGARY AND MONOGOLIA--AND WE WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA SOON.

REPORTER: TURNING BACK TO THE PROBLEM IN REGARD TO SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, SUCH AS MAKING CONTACTS IN ORDER TO CREATE GOOD UNDERSTANDING OR TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHAT EFFORTS ARE WE MAKING TO CREATED GOOD UNDERSTANDING WITH SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAM, AND WILL RELATIONS AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL BE ESTABLISHED WITH THEM?

CHAROONPHAN: WE ARE NOT RUSHING TOWARD ANYBODY IN ORDER TO CREATE GOOD UNDERSTANDING, BUT WE ACCEPT FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION ANY COUNTRY WHICH SHOWS A FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD US. THERE ARE VERY SELDOM SUCH REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTION OF NORTH VIETNAM. ON THE OTHER HAND, NORTH KOREA HAS SHOWN AN ATTITUDE THAT INDICATES IT WOULD LIKE TO ASSOCIATE AND TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH US, AND THIS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN SHOWN BY ITS DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN SOME COUNTRIES.

WHEN THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER STOPPED OVER HERE HE INTIMATED HE WOULD STOP OVER AGAIN ON HIS WAY BACK. WHEN HE MADE HIS FIRST STOPOVER HERE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAVE A DINNER IN HIS HONOR IN ORDER TO BECOME ACQUAINTED. FROM A REPORT I HAVE RECEIVED, THE MEETING WAS IN A MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, AND THE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER IS A PERSON WHO IS FRANK AND OPEN AND MOST COURTEOUS.

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REPORTER: WILL YOU HAVE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD TALKS WITH HIM WHEN HE STOPS OVER ON HIS WAY BACK?

CHAROONPHAN: I DON'T KNOW BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG HE WILL STOP OVER HERE. HE HAS GONE TO INDONESIA AND HE PLANNED TO RETURN THIS WAY. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY CONFIRMATION YET WHETHER HE WILL STOP OVER HERE

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